

The background features a light beige, textured surface. In the top left corner, there is a branch with several dark red roses. In the top right corner, a string of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow hangs across the frame. In the bottom right corner, there are three pumpkins in orange, red, and white, along with a single dark red rose. In the bottom left corner, there are faint, stylized flowers in shades of grey and white.

year 11 crew blog

Welcome to our year 11 crew blog, where we share exiting things students have been getting up to in and out of school, it has been an enjoyable start of the year for us packed with activities including lots of hard work, creativity and enthusiasm.



Pennywell farm

Just before the summer holidays we went to Pennywell farm as a full school.

It was really good and we saw so many animals such as an ostrich, snow owl, lemur, goat, guinea pigs, rabbits, snakes, and even a tortoise.

It was so fun!

Pumpkin bouquet



I tried making my own pumpkin bouquet's to do these you have to carve a pumpkin soak flower foam in water and put it in a watertight bag to ensure the flowers get plenty of water

I also added some other extras in like a pinecone and some mini pumpkins, I really like the effect that this has and I think that it is perfect for the upcoming autumn months.

wreathes for autumn

The past few weeks I have started making autumn wreaths, I start of with a wire frame of grapevine, wrap moss with floristry wire around the frame until it starts coming together and looks like a moss wreath I then add greenery, leaves, flowers and accessories

I have started a few Christmas ones too.





Litter pick at Seaham

Last week for outdoor ed we went litter picking at Seaham beach we found so much litter and it was wonderful to help our environment in our own way. It was really fun!

We also searched for sea glass and found so many in lots of different colours like blue ,clear, brown, green and even yellow.

Cornwall trip 2026- Sophie:

This year we went to Cornwall again in the 6 week holidays. We stayed at a campsite in Newquay and went surfing nearly everyday. We also went to some other places in Cornwall like St. Ives and Truro.

Fistral beach:

It is located on the north coast of Cornwall, about half a mile west of Newquay town center and is widely regarded as the home of British surfing and one of the top surf destinations in Europe.



Fistral beach in Newquay

Truro:

Truro is the only city in Cornwall, making it the administrative, cultural, and retail heart of the county, as well as the southernmost city in the United Kingdom. Despite its official city status, it famously retains a relaxed, compact, and charming town-like atmosphere.

St. Ives:

St Ives is a historic and picturesque seaside town in Cornwall, England, famous for its sandy beaches, narrow cobbled streets, and thriving art scene.



St. Ives harbor beach

He has also
been making
bubble 
nests.



Billie update

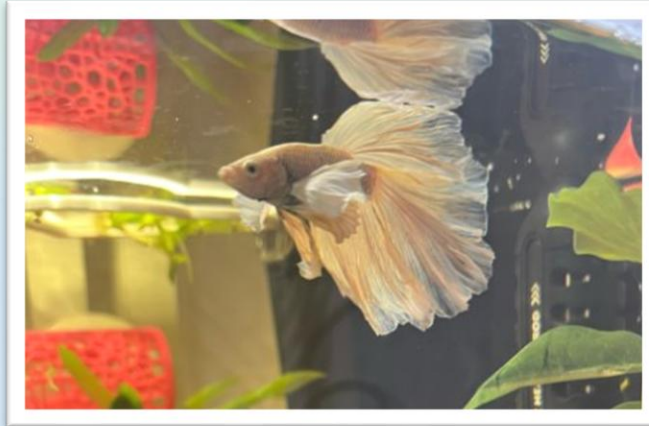
I have gotten Billie some new things for his home such as some more wood and moss that is stuck on the wood, I've also bought him lots of new plants as he loves them, he has also gotten some more hides/shelters he has a new mushroom house and a pumpkin house ready for autumn.



New plant names.

Java moss
Java fern
Anubis
Vallisneria
Limnophyllia
Water lettuce
Salvina

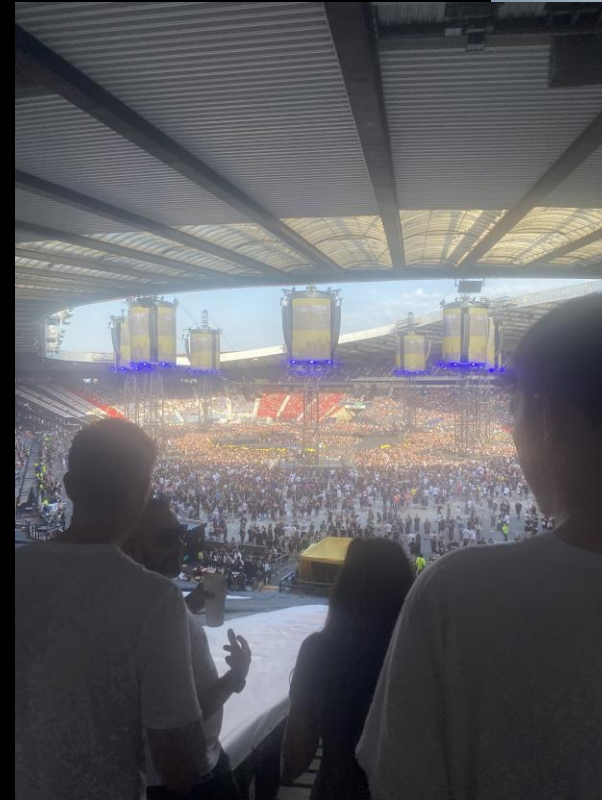
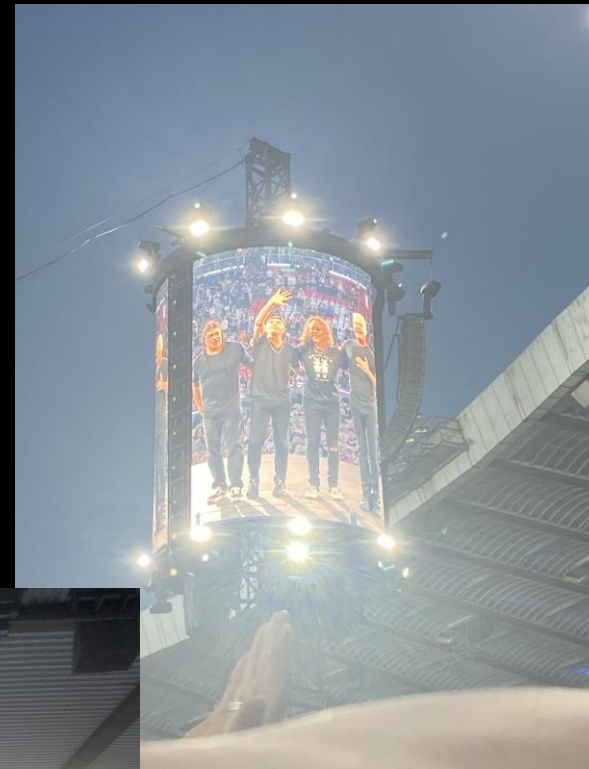
He also has many hammocks like leaf ones and a grate one he loves his hammocks as his fins can get very heavy for him so he likes to rest them.



M72 Glasgow review

Metallica came to Glasgow, Scotland on 25th June 2026 and performed in Hampden Park. They ended up breaking the stadium record at 58,000 people attending. I feel like seeing Metallica live is a dream come true and I really enjoyed it.

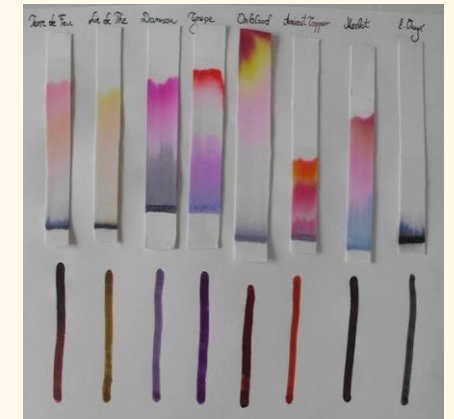
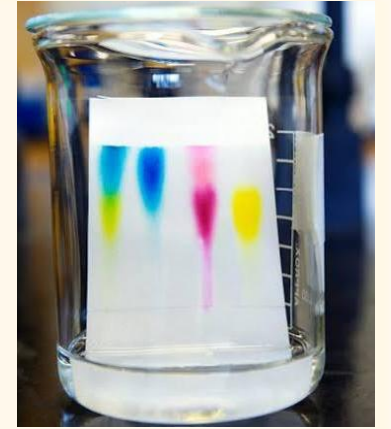
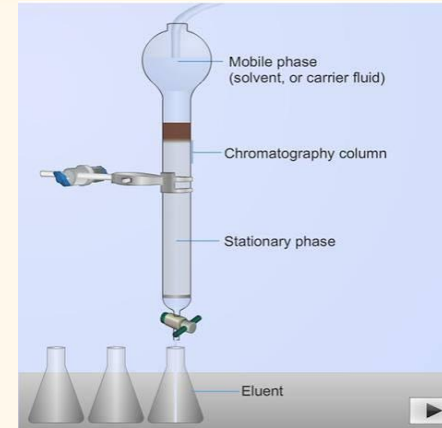
One thing I really liked about this experience was the setlist. My favorite song they played at Glasgow was "King Nothing" because I didn't expect them to play it. I believe that there was not one thing I did **not** like about my experience at the M72 world tour. I would love to see them again live.



Chromatography practical.

Chromatography is a laboratory technique used to separate a mixture into its individual components by passing it through a system where the parts move at different speeds.

This week we have done a chromatography practical this is the process of separating a mixture specifically pen ink we noticed that the brown felt tip gave the best result with it been made of the most colours like purples and pinks and blue.





Canoeing at Durham river.

This week in outdoor ed we went canoeing in Durham river we saw so many animals like ducks and dragonflies, it was so fun, I really look forward to the upcoming outdoor ed lessons.

In the 6 weeks holiday I did this

I went to leeds and met with my bandmates who i met online and joined my project for the first time. We then all went to a record store and bought some records and patches.



Here is us at our rehearsal space in Leeds



spiderman –
brand new day
me and aimee went to
see the new spiderman
movie together during
the holidays :)

thurs 6th aug
evie



MARVEL STUDIOS
SPIDER-MAN
BRAND NEW DAY



one day
at a time

Stick insects

Stick insects are insects that are famous for looking like twigs or sticks. Their appearance helps them hide from predators in trees and bushes. There are thousands of different species around the world.

Female stick insects can lay lots of tiny eggs. Interestingly, some species can produce offspring without mating with a male. This is called parthenogenesis.

Stick insects are herbivores, meaning they eat plants.

Stick insects hatch from eggs as tiny versions of adults called nymphs. They grow by molting, which means shedding their old skin. Each time they molt, they become bigger.



What we need to know:

- **Tall enclosure:** Stick insects need more height than floor space because they climb and shed their skins by hanging down. A good rule is that the enclosure should be **at least 3× the insect's adult body length in height.**

- **Good ventilation:** Use a mesh/ventilated enclosure so air can circulate. Avoid making it constantly damp and stuffy.